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Note by the President of the Security Council

In accordance with the understanding reached at the 4370th meeting of the Security Council, held on 12 September 2001, on the item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", the statements of the representatives of Australia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Cuba, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Slovenia and Yugoslavia to the United Nations are reproduced in annexes I to X to the present note.

The President of the Security Council wishes to express his gratitude to the above-mentioned delegations for their understanding and cooperation.

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Annex I

[Original: English]

Australia: statement by John Dauth LVO, Permanent Representative

Australians were horrified to learn of the catastrophic terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., on 11 September.

Australia feels revulsion and anger at the despicable and cowardly nature of these acts, which clearly have caused so many deaths and injuries. Our nation extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims, their families and to all Americans.

While destroyed buildings can be re-erected or replaced, it is impossible to replace lost loved ones or fully repair shattered bodies and minds. The healing process will continue for a long time to come.

Whatever the objectives of the terrorists may have been, any expectation they had of winning wider support for their cause was misplaced. Their calculated and callous disregard for innocent human lives ensures that.

We condemn what happened here as we unequivocally condemn terrorism in all its forms, whatever the source, whatever the claimed motive and in whatever country terrorism is perpetrated.

We must all band together as nations with a common commitment to peace, security and stability to do all we can to bring the perpetrators to justice and find new ways to deter and prevent other such cowardly terrorist acts.

Annex II

[Original: English and French]

Belgium: statement by Jean de Ruyt, Permanent Representative

The Council of the European Union, meeting in special session today, in the presence of the Secretary General of the Atlantic Alliance, expressed its horror at yesterday's terrorist attacks in the United States of America. The Council stressed its complete solidarity with the Government of the United States and the American people at this terrible time and extended its deepest sympathy to all the victims and their families. We ask all Europeans to observe three minutes of silence Friday, 14 September at 12h00 and we also declare 14 September 2001 a day of mourning.

These horrendous acts are an attack not only on the United States but against humanity itself and the values and freedoms we all share. The life and work of our open and democratic societies will continue undeterred.

The Union utterly condemns the perpetrators and sponsors of these acts of barbarism. The Union and its member States will spare no efforts to help identify, bring to justice and punish those responsible: there will be no safe haven for terrorists and their sponsors.

The Union will work closely with the United States and all partners to combat international terrorism. All international organizations, particularly the United Nations, must be engaged and all relevant international instruments, including on the financing of terrorism, must be fully implemented.

The Community and its Member States have offered the United States all possible assistance with search and rescue operations. Discussions are under way to establish what help would be most useful.

Recalling the strong and enduring ties which exist between the European Union and the United States, the Council has asked the Presidency to stay in close contact with the Government of the United States in order to convey this message of solidarity.

Annex III

[Original: English]

Brazil: statement by Gelson Fonseca, Jr., Permanent Representative

The Brazilian delegation expresses its sympathy to the people and Government of the United States of America in this extremely difficult moment. The news of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., has caused commotion and outrage in Brazil. We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life and by the suffering of thousands of innocent victims and their families.

Brazil condemns in the strongest terms all forms of terrorism. We will continue to support the joint cooperative efforts of the international community to eradicate these intolerable practices which are utterly inconsistent with the building of an international order based on the principles of justice. These repugnant and insane terrorist acts violate the principles of democratic life, attempt to impose barbarism as an instrument of political action, and represent a grievous assault on the fundamental values of human coexistence.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso conveyed yesterday in a letter to President George W. Bush the solidarity of the Brazilian people in this tragic moment. In a statement to the press, he recalled our unconditional repudiation of these hideous crimes.

Brazil renews its determination to help find solutions capable of putting an end to this escalation of irrational violence. We are convinced that the fight against terrorism, its perpetrators and those who harbour and sponsor it requires effective action within the multilateral framework. We support the prompt reaction of the Security Council and its determination to combat by all means threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. The international community is challenged to redouble its efforts to bring to justice those responsible for these heinous acts. This is a time for unity and resolve on the part of all States and an occasion for upholding the values that inspired the creation of the United Nations.

Annex IV

[Original: Spanish]

Cuba: statement by Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative

With reference to the tragic events that took place in New York and Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, 11 September, I have the honour to read the following official statement made by the Government of the Republic of Cuba:

> "The Government of the Republic of Cuba was grieved and saddened to learn of the violent surprise attacks carried out this morning on civilian and official facilities in the cities of New York and Washington, D.C., that have claimed numerous victims.
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> "Cuba's opposition to all terrorist acts is well known.
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> "We cannot forget that, for the past 40 years, our people have been the victims of such acts organized from the territory of the United States of America itself. Based on historical reasons and also on ethical principles, our Government rejects and vehemently condemns the attacks on the aforementioned facilities and expresses its sincerest condolences to the people of the United States for the painful and unjustifiable loss of human lives resulting from these attacks.
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> "In this hour of sorrow, our people declare their solidarity with the people of the United States and express their complete readiness to cooperate, within the limits of their modest means, with the health institutions and with any other medical or humanitarian institution of that country in treating, caring for and rehabilitating the victims of this morning's events."

Annex V

[Original: English]

Israel: statement by Aaron Jacob, Deputy Permanent Representative

The people and the Government of Israel express their deepest and most profound condolences to the victims and families of yesterday's heinous terrorist attacks. The people of Israel were shocked and horrified by the enormity of this crime and our hearts and prayers go out to the innocent people who lost their lives, and to their friends and loved ones. The people of Israel stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the American people in this tragic hour. In an expression of our deep sympathy and heartfelt compassion, Israel has declared today a national day of mourning.

If anyone still harboured any illusions that terrorism was somehow isolated to specific conflicts, that it could be ignored, that it did not pose a threat of unimaginable proportions to innocent civilians worldwide — those illusions were definitively shattered yesterday.

The acts of violent terrorism which the world witnessed are now burned into our collective memory. They are a direct assault on democracy, an assault on freedom, and constitute no less than an act of war on civilization itself. The indiscriminate mass murder, on a scale never before seen, demonstrates in the cruellest way that terrorism is indeed the new evil of our time.

Yesterday's tragedy presents a profound challenge to the nations of the world — how are we to combat a faceless evil? The countless victims of terrorist atrocities and the citizens of the world demand an answer to this question. Our battle to eradicate terrorism must be focused not only on those who perpetrate such crimes, but also on those who provide them with the infrastructure on which their actions depend.

Those States which provide active or tacit support for terrorist killers, provide them with weapons, funds or refuge have declared themselves to be the enemies of humankind. They are no less culpable than the terrorists themselves. As the President of the United States stated in his address to the American people last night, we must make no distinction between the terrorists and those who harbour them.

To those States we must say, in a unified and unwavering voice, you will not be tolerated. You are not welcome members in the community of nations. If you place our liberty under attack, we will defend it. If you endanger the safety and security of our people we will uphold them. States which yield to terrorism, which provide the terrorists with the environment in which they can flourish and the infrastructure and support they need to perpetrate their despicable crimes must be dealt with aggressively and with unified resolve until they renounce terror, in word and deed, and return to the fold of civilized nations.

To the family of free nations who are committed to the fight against terrorism and devoted to protecting the moral values of free society and the security of their citizens, yesterday's acts of terror must be an awakening. We can be complacent no

longer. We must realize that a terrorist attack against people anywhere is an attack against people everywhere.

Our fight against terrorism must be unified, comprehensive and, above all, uncompromising. It must include world leaders, religious leaders, teachers, families and all members of civil society. Terrorists and their supporters must be brought to justice and held fully accountable for their crimes. They must learn that they cannot hide, they will not find refuge, they will not be allowed to trample our freedoms.

The principles of international law, and United Nations resolutions, which condemn acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, whatever their motive, must be turned into a global call to action. For those who would have us believe that some cause or some agenda can justify indiscriminate cold-blooded murder we must answer that terrorism is defined by what one does, not what one does it for. It will never be tolerated. We must fight it without exception, without hesitation and without fear. Israel pledges itself to this battle together with all nations committed to peace and to the eradication of the scourge of terrorism.

The people of the world look to their countries for protection from this great evil — we cannot, we must not, let them down.

Annex VI

[Original: English]

Japan: statement by Yukio Satoh, Permanent Representative

On behalf of the people and Government of Japan, I extend my profound sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families, as well as to all the people and the Government of the United States of America.

Japan deplores the heinous acts of terrorism that were perpetrated against the United States on 11 September 2001. In the wake of the tragedy, Prime Minister Koizumi stated that the series of despicable and cowardly acts which have claimed the lives of untold numbers of innocent civilians in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania cannot be tolerated. These acts must be considered not only as attacks against the United States, but as crimes against humanity. In a spirit of solidarity, the Prime Minister expressed his strong support for the United States.

The United Nations and Member States must cooperate in bringing the perpetrators to justice. I assure you, Mr. President, that Japan will spare no effort in joining international efforts to eliminate international terrorism in all its forms.

Annex VII

[Original: English]

New Zealand: statement by Don MacKay, Permanent Representative

The terrible events which unfolded in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on 11 September have filled New Zealanders with shock and disbelief. New Zealand's Acting Prime Minister, the Honourable Jim Anderton has expressed to President Bush the sense of outrage and pain the people of New Zealand share with the American people and the international community over the loss of so many innocent lives. May I also take this opportunity to convey the United States delegation this morning our profound condolences and solidarity with them during these difficult hours.

As the Acting Prime Minister told Parliament yesterday afternoon, "evil people have conspired together to commit a cold and vicious act against humanity". New Zealand is committed to working with the international community to stamp out terrorism and swiftly to bring terrorists to justice. Yesterday's attacks were made not only against the United States but were against all civilized nations and we must work together to foil the aims of those who have done these things. We are totally committed to this end.

Annex VIII

[Original: English]

Romania: statement by Alexandru Niculescu, Permanent Representative

We have witnessed with great concern and distress the terrorist attacks targeted against important civilian, official and military objectives in our host country and host city.

On behalf of the Government of Romania and the Romanian people, we express our solidarity and deepest condolences to the families of the victims, to the people and to the Government of the United States of America.

Romania firmly condemns terrorism as a means to achieve any political, economic or social goals.

World peace cannot be secured through violence and fanaticism but through dialogue and negotiation.

As a country sharing democratic values, Romania will stand along with the United States and all other countries belonging to the democratic family in the efforts to prevent and suppress terrorist acts by increased cooperation and to bring to justice the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of terrorist attacks.

Annex IX

[Original: English]

Slovenia: statement by Ernest Petrič, Permanent Representative

Slovenia is shocked and horrified by yesterday's terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Slovenia strongly condemns these brutal attacks that are not only aimed at the United States of America but also at the entire free world, democracy and global security. Slovenia conveys its deepest sympathy and condolences to the people and Government of the United States of America and to the families of the victims who died in these tragic events beyond comprehension. Slovenia applauds the heroic efforts of United States citizens in their fight to recover from disaster.

Slovenia remains firmly committed to fight against terrorism. Slovenia believes that terrorism in any form has no justification whatsoever. It is a criminal activity. It is the most horrible, inhuman, despicable crime. Slovenia fully supports the resolution adopted today by the Security Council. Slovenia is ready and willing to contribute to the endeavours of the Security Council and international community to stop and eradicate international terrorism that is endangering us all. We should all stand together and united in our response. We have to bring those responsible for these horrendous crimes to justice. Those who perpetrate or support acts of terrorism act against the very heart and soul of what the United Nations stands for and indeed do not belong to the international community which is based on principles of freedom, democracy and justice.

Annex X

[Original: English]

Yugoslavia: statement by Dejan Šahovič, Permanent Representative

The unprecedented terrorist attacks of 11 September on New York and Washington, D.C., have united the citizens of Yugoslavia in grief and shock over the magnitude of losses suffered by the United States of America.

In its disbelief and condemnation of the appalling strikes on the United States, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia stands with the rest of the peace-loving and democratic world in its commitment to curb international terrorism. We also join demands that those responsible for the cowardly attacks of 11 September be brought to justice.

The tragedy that has befallen the United States has once again exposed terrorism as the greatest evil of the modern world, a crime whose only victims are innocent people, that must be stopped by urgent, resolute and unified actions of the international community.

Expressing his deepest condolences to United States President George W. Bush, President Vojislav Koštunica has stated that Yugoslavia and its people, as well as the region as a whole, are painfully aware of this necessity on the basis of their own bitter experience.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms, in whatever part of the world it may occur, and will fully support all international efforts to suppress this greatest of dangers to the free world.